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FANWOOD

Eighty-four children of the Intermediate Department had a Spring Party in the Old Gymnasium Wednesday evening. The program was as follows: 1 Potato and oyster fork game, 2 Wooden potato race, 3 Indian club hop, 4 April Fool's game, 5 Circle game, 6 Blowing out the candles.

Upon entering the Old Gymnasium each boy was given a number. At the close of the party, Mr. Lux drew three numbers from a box. The first prize went to Cadet Belensky, who received a brand new leather baseball glove; the second and third prizes went to R. Anderson and P. DeRose, respectively. Each won a baseball.

The climax of the evening came when Superintendent Skyberg, who was one of the guests, became a victim of an April Fool's game. A glass of water was placed on the floor. Before Supt. Skyberg was blindfolded he was told to walk a few steps forward and jump over the glass of water. When blindfolded he became cautious. After taking three steps forward, he jumped three feet ahead. Suddenly the whole pack of boys were almost upon him crying, "April Fool." The glass had been carefully removed the minute Mr. Skyberg was blindfolded.

The refreshments, which consisted of brick ice-cream and cookies, were enjoyed by all present. The committee on refreshments was Misses Peck and Gaffney, Mrs. Nies and Mrs. Watson. The committee on entertainment was Misses Otis, Judge, Cornell, and Mr. Clarke. Miss Otis was chairman. Credit is due to Mr. Lux, who assisted the teachers with the games. Mr. Mazur's assistance was also appreciated. Others present at the party were Superintendent and Mrs. Skyberg and Miss Berry. Everybody reported an enjoyable evening. They went to bed immediately after the party, tired but happy!

With Mayor LaGuardia gleefully predicting that all Manhattan's trolleys will be replaced within a short time, another surface car line gave way to buses today. The Mayor, former Gov. Alfred Smith, Borough President Samuel Levy and officials of civic and business organizations took part in the ceremonies inaugurating crosstown bus service on Thirty-fourth Street.

Six of the huge new buses, the leading one filled with officials, and the following five jammed with cheering school children, moved slowly over the new bus route behind a band from the New York School for the Deaf. The procession started at Park Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street, went to Ninth Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street, and then returned to the Thirty-fourth Street entrance of the Empire State Building. There, while a large crowd cheered, W. F. H. Koelsch, president of the Thirty-fourth Street Midtown Association, the former Governor, the Mayor and Mr. Levy made brief addresses.

The new bus line is operated by the New York City Omnibus Corporation, and its full route runs from the Thirty-fourth Street ferry terminal on the Hudson. The buses run up Tenth Avenue from Thirty-fourth to Forty-second Street.

Horse cars were first operated on Thirty-fourth street fifty-two years ago, and in 1901 were replaced by electric trolleys.

The last trolley has not yet run over the route, however. Once each twelve hours, one of the trams will go from end to end of the line. This is necessary to hold the franchise, pending settlement of a suit now in the courts which seeks to prevent tearing up of the trolley tracks.—*New York Tribune, April 1st.*

The Second Annual Intra-School Fencing Championship was held Thursday evening at 8:30 in the Boys Play Room. With Mr. Fiems acting as official scorer and Mr. Ferguson in the capacity of head judge, the final bouts got under way.

Due to the large number of contestants the preliminaries were held last week and as a result Georgetti, with four victories, paced the field. Stupfer, last year's champion, and Riecke, a newcomer, were both in striking distance to gain possession of the Dr. Bishop Cup, symbolic of the school championship.

The bouts that followed were all closely contested and only after spirited offensive work did Cadet Georgetti, who placed fourth last year, gain the coveted championship cup, with five wins and one loss.

Cadet Riecke, with his tricky left-hand offense earned second honors, with four wins and two defeats. Cadet Schroeder with three wins and an equal number of losses finished in third place. Cadets Stupfer, Buffamento, Costello and Safford ended in that order.

The highlight of the tournament was the Buffamento-Georgetti event. The later-crowned champion towered over his small adversary only in height. Buffamento hounded the champion and employed enough mastery to impose the only defeat on the otherwise perfect record of the champion.

Due to the fact that some of the cadets have had 20 lessons and some 10, the affair was run on a 2 and 1 point handicap basis, and fair to all. Supt. V. O. Skyberg presented the cup and foil to the winner, and a foil to the runner up. The foils were the gifts of the instructor, Mr. Fiems. Pictures were taken by Mr. Lofgren, our photography teacher.

On Thursday afternoon, April 2d, Colonel Smith of the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled, accompanied by Miss McCleary and Miss Helmle, made a tour of inspection of our School.

Our same afternoon, through the courtesy of the W. P. A. theatre project, our pupils were treated to a Puppet Show in our Chapel, which they greatly enjoyed.

On Friday afternoon, April 3d, Miss Eleanor Dobbins of the State Department of Education, visited our school. Miss Dobbins is the State Supervisor of Physical Education, and especially interested in Physical Education for handicapped children. During her visit, Miss Dobbins witnessed the Physical Education classes doing special coordination and alertness drills originated by Mr. Tainsly, and made a tour of the vocational shops, boys playroom, boys kindergarten study hall and recreation room.

The New York School for the Deaf was represented in the Army Day parade last Saturday afternoon, and made a splendid showing with their band and two Provisional Companies of picked cadets. The march was along Fifth Avenue from Ninetieth to Sixty-fourth Street. Governor Lehman and other high Army officials were in the reviewing stand.

Robert O. Blair Passes

MIAMI BEACH, FLA., April 6.—Mr. Robert O. Blair died of spinal meningitis at St. Francis Hospital, Sunday morning, April 5th. He had been ill since March 18th. Mrs. Blair remained with him at the hospital till he died. He was fifty-one years old April 1st. Surviving are his widow Mrs. Rilla S. Blair, three children, Sidney 16, Rilla 14, and Frances 10, and a sister Mrs. Russell Burke of New York City. The two oldest children had been sent for, and arrived in Miami Sunday morning. Prayers will be read by Dr. John D. Hiller of Trinity Episcopal Church, Tuesday afternoon at Philbrick's Chapel, Miami. The casket will be shipped on the "Royal Poinciana," due at Chicago Thursday morning. Funeral services will be held from the Blair home, 4933 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery beside his father and mother.

Robert O. Blair was born April 1st, 1885, in Chicago, Ill., the only son of Sidney O. Blair and Anna G. Lansing. His father was one of the founders of the E. B. Miller Coffee Company, and attained such affluence that when he died, his son was rated one of the wealthiest deaf men in the middle-west. Educated at a private oral school, Robert O. Blair became proficient in the sign language. He was a democratic, genial man, and a good mixer. He was a member of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, Division 106, the Illinois Athletic Club, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Historical Society, and the Saturday Evening Club. He was treasurer of the All Angels' Church for the Deaf in Chicago. His hobbies were stamp collecting and fishing. His love for deep-sea fishing brought him often to Miami, to which city he had first come on his honeymoon when he married Rilla Sickenger, February 6th, 1918. In those days before the boom Miami was a sprawling town of sand, cabins and mosquitoes. Mr. Blair's first trip out to the Gulf Stream was marked by a three-hour battle with a 550 pound hammer-head shark, which was landed amid such excitement that Mrs. Blair seldom accompanied him thereafter on fishing trips.

Generous in their time and efforts in working among the deaf, shortly before leaving for Miami in March, Mr. and Mrs. Blair gave an entertainment at their house which netted a good sum of money for the Illinois Home Charity affair. They had planned to return to Chicago in time to take part in the April 18th entertainment.

Among the Frat conventions Mr. Blair attended with Mrs. Blair, were Denver 1928, Boston 1931, and Kansas City 1934. The numerous messages received on the news of Mr. Blair's passing attested to his character and popularity. E. R.

In Madison Square Garden on Friday, the 3d, Arthur Kruger was among a crowd of 12,000, who sat spellbound through six hours to witness the final Olympic basketball try-outs to pick the squad that will represent the United States at Berlin in August. It was a brilliant show, jammed with thrills, spectacular playing and most amazing goal shooting. Dr. James A. Naismith tossed out the first ball. It was he who invented basketball when he hung up two beach baskets, borrowed a soccer ball and choose sides forty-five years ago for the first game of basketball.

NEW YORK CITY

ST. ANN'S NOTES

Church services at St. Ann's during Holy Week will be as follows: Maundy Thursday, April 9th.—The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:15 P.M. Hymns by the Choir. Sermon by the Vicar: "Blessed Fellowship."

Good Friday, April 10th.—Evening Prayer at 8:15 P.M. with Choir. Sermon: "The Conquering Cross."

Easter Sunday, April 12th.—The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 3 P.M. with Choir. Sermon: "The Power of Things Unseen."

The Altar Flowers on Sunday, March 1st, were in memory of the late Edwin A. Hodgson. Those on Sunday, March 15th, were in memory of the late Elizabeth Chamberlain, wife of the Rev. Dr. Chamberlain.

The Rev. Herbert C. Merrill was confined to his home in Syracuse, N. Y., with an infected foot, and was unable to preach at St. Ann's on Sunday, March 29th, as scheduled.

The usual record crowd is expected on Easter Sunday, April 12th, at the service at 3 o'clock. The Vicar will be assisted in the celebration of the Holy Communion by the Rev. Frank R. Jones, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Motthaven. The Guild House will remain open all evening so as to give the people opportunity for conversation with friends from other parts of the city.

During the winter, the Church School has held its sessions in a room at the New York School for the Deaf, saving the pupils the trouble of walking the twenty blocks from the School to St. Ann's Church. The Vicar, Mr. Robert Kerstetter, and Mr. Arne N. Olsen teach the classes, which are held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock.

The member of St. John's Mission, Union City, N. J., and of St. Thomas' Mission, Newark, will join in a bus excursion to Trenton on May 30th, to attend the reunion at the New Jersey State School for the Deaf. Mr. Carl Droste is chairman of the excursion.

An entertaining program of magic tricks was given at the Brooklyn Guild Social on Saturday evening, March 28th, through the efforts of Mr. Dan Aellis, chairman.

H. A. D.

The Hebrew deaf of Greater New York are celebrating the Passover from April 6th to 13th, in commemoration of Israel's liberation from Egypt. The Passover is also called "Hag Ha-Matzos" (Festival of Unleavened Bread,) because the Israelites were made to leave Egypt in such haste that they had to carry the dough which they had prepared with them and eat it before it had time to leaven. To make the Passover more enjoyable some members of the H. A. D. and their friends held their annual Seder Celebration at Gasner's on Tuesday evening, the 7th. Details of the affair will appear in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

Plans for the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the H. A. D. are now being formulated by Chairman Sol Garson and his Committee. The date has been decided for Saturday evening, June 12th, 1937, to be held in the spacious banquet room of Hotel New Yorker, one of the leading hotels in the city.

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OHIO

Saturday evening, March 28th, the Clonian Society at the school, presented a pleasing entertainment for the benefit of the Ohio Home. This society, composed of pupils, has for many years furnished the office at the Home and has shared with another society the expense of a telephone. Funds were getting low and the pupils, remembering the black-faced actors from Akron, decided to have a "darkie" play. All parts were taken by boys and they acted well. They were coached, I think, by Mr. L. La Fountain. The following program was carried out, entitled "Axi's Her Father."

PINDLETON PEPPERCORN

A Half-Blind Old Darky... Wm. Murphy
PEPPERCORN'S DAUGHTERS
Priscilla Ann... Richard Miller
Pamela Jane... Victor Zuchegno
Polly Lucaetia... James Frontz

AUGUSTUS TYLER

A Bashful Suitor of Priscilla Ann...
Lawrence Cook
Policeman Jones... Francis Foster
Ghost... ? ? ?

PLACE: Peppercorn's House

TIME: In the Evening

Before the play was given a movie show was shown. We saw Field Day exercises at Fanwood and scenes from St. Joseph's School.

The Board of Managers of the Ohio Home met at the school March 27th and the next day they made an inspection of the Home. Mr. James Shepherd of Cincinnati and Mr. Cohen of Cleveland were the only out-of-town members present at this meeting. Mr. Cohen had to leave for home after the business meeting.

A short time ago Miss Bessie McGregor had to go out to the Home on some business and asked Mrs. Thomas and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Baldwin of West Liberty, and Miss Edgar to accompany her. A good rain set in but all enjoyed the trip. They found the folks quite excited because of the arrival of twins out in the cow barn and Mr. Clapham was eager for the visitors to go over to the barn to see the twins, but the rain made walking too bad for outdoor exercise.

It was a great disappointment to every one at the school that the epidemic of flu caused the Ohio team's participation in the Central States' Tournament to be called off and Coach Miller had a team which he was eager to have seen by the others.

When Mr. Casper Jacobson appeared before the Gallaudet College Literary Society a few weeks ago. He took for his subject Blennerhasset. It recalled to me my two visits on Blennerhasset Island some few years ago. The old mansion (?) is there but not open for inspection and the old well from which you can have a drink (of water) if you wish. The last time I was there, there was quite a cornfield on this island. We hope to see Mr. Jacobson give the same story at the school some day. The story is very dramatic, but a real one.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by Mr. Leo Gilboy, of Youngstown, by welcoming into his family a daughter. Both mother and baby are doing well. The latter is named Dorothea.

There was great rejoicing in Akron when the five weeks' strike among rubber workers ended and all returned to work. Losing five weeks pay was no small thing to the deaf workers, and their friends were glad when word went out "the strike is over."

I rise to ask what has become of the Columbus Branch of the N. A. D. Years ago I can remember when the branch had regular meetings with such men as Dr. Patterson, Mr. Greener and the late Robert McGregor on the evening's program with entertaining and instructive talks. Then, with good leaders, everyone was glad to attend meetings. Now, it seems, the branch's duty is done when Gallaudet Day is celebrated with a dinner. There needs to be an awakening, as nothing doing, interest

soon dies. At one time the Columbus Branch was called one of the best and most active in the country.

Miss Virginia Thompson, of Columbus, and Mr. F. McCarthy, of Detroit, must be planning to be made man and wife soon as they entertained, at Miss Thompson's home, a party of friends recently. This will be a good match, as both are popular deaf in their hometowns.

The 31st anniversary social of the Dayton Frats was very successful. A good crowd was on hand, many from Cincinnati, Springfield, Columbus, Piqua, Wapakoneta and other points, helping to swell the crowd.

Several of the visitors took part in doing stunts and dancing. Mr. Philip Holdren was considered the best actor. Others who did almost as well were Mrs. Mallman, Corrine Glasser, Wanda McLean and Sarah Bowser, of Dayton, and Mr. Caputo, of Toledo, and two men from Cincinnati. The Dayton deaf are good entertainers and their socials always attract many.

The following clipped from the Ohio Chronicle surely tells the deaf drivers that it is their duty to be alert at all times and avoid these kind of accidents if they wish to have the privilege of driving. A few careless ones can easily injure all drivers:

"Patrolman Christ Derscher suffered injuries to his foot last Monday night when an automobile driven by Edward Lehman of Toledo, O., struck the door of a police ambulance driven by Patrolman William Pier at Jackson and St. Clair streets.

The patrol wagon crew was answering an emergency call at that intersection when the accident occurred—Patrolman Derscher was treated by a physician and taken home.

Mr. Lehman, police said, is deaf and the accident occurred as Patrolman Pier opened the door to shout at him when he evidently did not hear the police siren.—*The Toledo Daily Blade*.

Frank Smith was arrested for reckless driving last Tuesday night after the auto he was driving collided with a fire truck at Logan St. and Broadway in Toledo, O. The firemen found out that he is deaf.—*Toledo News Bee*.

Hedgehogs and Vipers.—The fact that the hedgehog fearlessly attacks and kills the viper has been ascribed by some naturalists to the protection afforded by its spiny cover. More recently, however, it has been discovered that even when bitten in the unprotected nose, and in the region of the eyes by a venomous serpent the hedgehog suffers no ill consequences. This observation has led to experiments by Messieurs Physalix and Bertrand in France, demonstrating, as they believe, that there is an immunizing substance in the blood of the hedgehog which serves as an antidote to the poison. They say all animals possess this substance in varying degrees, but in many it is not sufficiently active to counteract the effects of the venom. They hope to obtain a serum which can be used as an antidote not only in cases of snake-bite, but for many other poisons as well.

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P. S. D. Field.

Saturday, May 30th, at 3:00 P.M.

PHILADELPHIA

News items for this column should be sent to Howard S. Ferguson, 250 W. Sparks St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.

Services at All Souls' Church for the Deaf during Holy Week and Easter are as follows:

Palm Sunday, April 5—3:15 P.M.—Holy Communion. Address by the Vicar, the Rev. Henry J. Pulver.

Maundy Thursday, April 9—8 P.M., Holy Communion and Sermon, "The Last Evening."

Good Friday, April 10—2:30 P.M., "The Seven Last Words."

Easter Sunday, April 12—2:15 P.M., Baptisms; 3:15 P.M., Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Oliver J. Whildin, of Baltimore. 6 P.M. Parish Supper; 8 P.M. Easter Play.

By the courtesy of the hearing officials of Trinity Lutheran Church, Germantown Avenue at Queen Lane (5300 North), Germantown, Philadelphia, Rev. Edward F. Kaercher is happy to announce that the Lutheran Congregation of the Deaf will henceforth hold its services and other meetings there, having moved from the church of the Transfiguration, 1216 West Lehigh Avenue. This change will afford more convenient transportation as well as better meeting facilities. The Route 23 trolley stops at the door both ways on Germantown Avenue.

On Palm Sunday, April 5th, the traditional day for confirmation in Lutheran churches, Pastor Kaercher confirmed six young men and five young ladies. They were: Donald Arble, Richard Butz, Elmer Caswell, Raymond Neider, Robert Zeigler, Stanley Ziegler, Alma Boger, Naomi Kemmerer, Beulah Malick, Harriette Seebald and Mathilda Schneider. A large crowd was present both to witness the confirmation and receive the message of Rev. G. H. Bechtold, D.D., the good friend of the deaf. The choir of three young women sang hymns in signs. There will be Easter services on Sunday, April 12th, with a sermon preached, also communion and choir singing.

Jim Jennings, who recently went under the knife for the removal of hernia, is now rapidly on the road to recovery at the St. Mary's Hospital, and by the time this goes to press should be discharged and at home. He almost suffered an attack of pneumonia while confined at the hospital. Jim has been ordered to have his tonsils taken out and it will be done at a later date.

It has leaked out that on February 29th, at a wedding ceremony performed by the Rev. Henry J. Pulver, at the Rectory of All Souls, Mr. Rubiñ Abolofia took unto himself a bride, formerly Miss Menetta Offerle. Miss Offerle has a position up at the Mt. Airy School while Mr. Abolofia, who is taking up a course in barbering, expects to start in business for himself soon. Congratulations to the Leap Year bride and groom.

The Philadelphia H. A. D. card party on the 28th of March attracted close to 100 people to the North Branch Y. M. C. A. Their drawing of lucky numbers took place at the same time and following are the winners: Mr. Desatunk, Hyman Sack, Mr. Kobbler, Hyman Applebaum, Alex. McGhee, all awarded \$1.00; \$2.00 went to Miss Margaret Sanders, \$3.00 to Mrs. Kerr, \$5.00 to Miss Florence Donohue, and the big prize, \$10.00 to P. Silver. The prize winners in the card games are to wit: Bridge, Mrs. Singerman and Mr. George King. "500," Mary Beckman and William Klein. Pinochle, Sylvan Stern and Joe Gelman. Fan Tan, Mrs. Frank Sacks and Reuben Miller. Rummy, Isadore Waxman.

Just before the regular meeting of the Philly Division, N. F. S. D. got under way on Friday evening, April 3d, a phone call came in that stated that Mr. William Klein, of West Philadelphia, was in the Graduate Hospital in a very serious condition with double pneumonia. Volunteers

were urged of the members of the Division to make haste to the hospital to submit to a blood test for a blood transfusion. Ten of the members immediately offered their services and were whisked away to the hospital, where it later developed that Mr. Klein took a turn for the better and a blood transfusion was not necessary.

Eight novices were led through the secret rites of the N. F. S. D. at this Fra't meeting. And the man who did the leading was none other than our old pal of K. C. days, "Ashcan" Ascher, president of Springfield Division, No. 67, of Massachusetts, who was in town for the week-end. Mr. Ascher, now a resident of the big town, New York, had the distinct honor of initiating one of the novices, Mr. Harold Haskins, Jr., a deaf man, whom he found in this town on his last visit here during early fall. What could be better? Paddy McArdle, the New York Irishman by adoption, a member of Manhattan Division, No. 87, was another out-of-town visitor. Paddy came over for the week-end too, and spent all that time button-holing everybody within reach and urging them to come over to New York for the big Theatre Guild attraction on April 18th. Beer and sandwiches were passed all around after the meeting.

On Sunday afternoon, April 5th, Mr. John A. Roach and Mr. Howard S. Ferguson, through the courtesy of Mr. John Dunner, who has a Ford sedan, took Mr. Franz Ascher over to Torresdale to see the Old Home. Mr. Ascher was taken all over the place and introduced to the old guests all around. All had a nice long chat with our own famous blind and deaf girl, Miss Grace Pearl. She showed them some of her writings of poetry and after much persuasion the writer was able to get her consent to publish a poem, "Music in My Heart," which Grace considers one of her best, given below, and we hope the readers enjoy it as much as this writer does.

MUSIC IN MY HEART

Composed by Grace M. Pearl, (deaf-blind)

There's music in my heart tonight,
The sweetest and the best.
It seems to come from far beyond,
And quiets my soul to rest.

I was in such a lonely mood:
It failed to make me smile.
My thoughts were full of pain and grief:
They stayed with me the while.

But when the lovely song of love
Came creeping in to me,
It took away those weary thoughts,
And made me sing to thee.

Oh, music is a wondrous thing—
There's power in the song!
You simply sing your heart's content,
And know no more the wrong.

There's music in my heart tonight,
That's full of peace and glee:
And could I pass it on alone
I'd make you sing with me!

O sing away, my soul, away!
Keep not that song of love,
For time it is while the earth's sad,
Of Jesus, Lord above.

Close not the door of thine own hearts
To Him, dear ones, I pray,
But let Him come thy Guest most blest,
And bless thee here today.

'Tis music in my heart tonight
Sings of my Jesus King,
That you may share the joy with me,
And let the whole world ring!

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CHICAGOLAND

Chicago won its fifth basketball championship of Central States Schools in twelve years, March 13th to 14th. The Chicago team is called the "Illinois State School" team, but all except two boys are from Chicago. Baumann, Dhondt, Arman, Zehnder, Duick and Carlson are listed as Chicagoans, leaving but two players from other cities. These two, however, are the bright stars—Captain Wells, the terrible Indian from Bloomington, and Wayne Otten, the 18-year-old sprinter, who won two medals in the World's Deaf Olympiad in England last summer. Consequently there promises a merry scramble for the services of the stars when they terminate their scholastic careers. Witzcak, of Chicago, a star, became discouraged over classroom work and ran away late in February. Hence, he is available right now if any lucky scout can dig him up. Rajski, another Illini star from this city, broke his ankle in two places early in February.

Chicago Silents Team, the challenger, is getting great satisfaction from their triumph over Chicago Demons, who were Chicago's cage champions for the last three straight years. They met at Lincoln Turner Hall, 1019 Diversey Avenue, March 28th, and fought each other with bitter tenacity that kept the audience on edge to the very end, no one knowing which side would win as the end approached. Silents scored 18 against Demons' 11 in the first half, and finally gained the total of 42 to 35. Leo Suiter came to the top as the star of the Silents with the most baskets, making 22 points. The crowd was a little below par, but the aggressive display by both sides was something those who did not attend missed. The preliminary game was played by T. J. Bowler and Guy Bush teams of hearing girls, 24 to 32. The spectators seemed to take interest in their costumes and tactics, as if it were a new thing to them that the femmes should do just as well as the males.

Night Owls coming to the Second Charity Frolics of April 18th, listen to this broad hint. Twenty tables adjacent to the roped floor at the Egyptian Auditorium have been set aside for reservations, or, in more familiar words, subject to cover charge. According to Libbey, the charge would not be more than twenty cents a person besides the door admission. Whoever wants to reserve these choice tables must write to H. G. Libbey, 2209 Byron Street, Chicago. There are six persons to each table. At present five tables have been taken. As for the refreshments, they will be ample as well as varied.

The personnel in charge of the bar is interesting, including those who have not been seen often for the last few years. John Sullivan, hello! How are you! C. Valdo-Bardeen and Ernest K. Hill, patent attorney, will stand besides Sullivan, the picturesque figure of the former Silent Athletic Club. The youngest pair of boys will be Floyd Smith and Raymond Sass. The last but not least is Joe Miller, ex-president and ex-delegate of Chicago Division, No. One.

Where is the Second Charity Frolic going to be, you ask. You will find the directions in the standing advertisement on this page. You can do no better than to clip the ad. and keep it with you.

March 22d, the bowling sweepstakes for the deaf was staged successfully at the Gold Coast Alleys. In this first annual event, launched by Frank Bush and Henry Bruns, his assistant, fully twenty bowlers took part. A large deaf crowd was on hand to congratulate two classes of winners: High Series, C. Lindskog, 1st; F. Riha, 2d; B. Ursin, 3d; J. Mudlaff, 4th; and H. Bruns, 5th; while for the High Game Harrison Leiter and Frank Bush tied for the first and

second. After this sweepstakes, a move was made to organize a league of deaf bowlers for the season of 1936-1937, and also to consider the proposition to file a Chicago entry to the Bowling Tournament by, for and of the deaf. F. Bush and H. Bruns will handle the necessary details in near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Yoder, teachers at the Michigan and Wisconsin Schools for the Deaf, respectively, spent the week-end of March 28th, with the Jack Kondells.

Mrs. Fred Young is still staying at Toronto, Canada, to attend to her sick mother, suffering from a third paralytic stroke. Mrs. Young expects to remain until Easter.

Mrs. Arthur Meehan gave a home social for the Home Benefit, Saturday afternoon and night of March 28th. There were seven tables in the afternoon and a few less in the evening.

Mrs. Stephens recently arrived from a trip to California and Colorado, full of travel news. Her daughter is touring the country as a roller skating danseuse.

PETER J. LIVSHIS.

3811 W. Harrison St.

All Angels' Church for the Deaf (Episcopal)

1151 Leland Ave. Chicago, Illinois (One block north of Wilson Ave. "L" station, and one-half block west).

REV. GEORGE F. FLICK, Priest-in-charge. MR. FREDRICK W. HINRICHS, Lay-Reader

Church services, every Sunday at 11 A.M., Holy Communion, first and third Sundays of each month.

Social Supper, second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 P.M., with entertainment following at 8 P.M.

Get-together socials at 8 P.M., all other Wednesdays. (Use Racine Ave. entrance. Minister's address, 6336 Kenwood Avenue

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Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf

4750 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.

Organized December, 1924

Incorporated May, 1925

The First and the Only Society of the Hebrew Deaf in Chicago

Socials and cards, first Sunday of each month from October to and including June. Literary and other special programs announced in the Chicago column from time to time. For further information, write to Mrs. Louis Wallack, 2935 N. Avers Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Our Savior Lutheran Church (For the Deaf)

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SEATTLE

There is a buzz of excitement among the deaf population concerning Mrs. Olof Hanson, who contemplates going to Washington, D. C. Though she had remarked last fall, she would probably leave Seattle, much surprise is expressed everywhere. Mrs. Hanson's daughter, Mrs. Helen Bass, and her little family, have been stopping with her since last summer. Mr. Bass was offered a position in Portland, Ore., with higher pay than at the University of Washington, at which he is a student teacher. Mrs. Hanson plans an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Alice Jones. Mrs. A. H. Koberstein was the first to give a small farewell luncheon for her.

The Hard Times Party at the Lutheran Hall afforded much pleasure, last night. A few were dressed accordingly for this purpose, and Mrs. A. H. Koberstein and William La Motte captured prizes. For bridge Mrs. Victoria Smith and J. T. Bodley were winners, and Mrs. J. T. Bodley took booby. Mrs. Koberstein dressed like a beggar girl, sold fudge and apples. As always, good refreshments were served. Three hustling young men, Messrs. Bradbury, Cookson and Abrahamson were on the committee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown were the host and hostess to the members of the monthly Bridge Club at their home, March 21st. Several rounds of three tables were enjoyed from eight till eleven o'clock, when Mrs. Brown served a splendid luncheon of potato salad, cottage cheese, hot rolls, jams, jellies, delicious cake and coffee in the dining room. Besides stories related by the guests, Mrs. Brown spilled a laughable joke. Nice prizes for bridge were won by Mrs. Pauline Gustin, True Partridge, Miss Sophia Mullin and A. H. Koberstein.

Mr. and Mrs. True Partridge recently attended a lovely reception, tendered at the home of Mr. Partridge's manager. It was in honor of the new boss and his wife. There were about thirty-five people, employees and their wives of the Paterson Dental Supplies present. An appetizing, dainty luncheon was served. The residence, where the gathering took place was charmingly furnished. Mrs. Fred Wise and her fourteen month-old daughter left for Los Angeles, March 20th, to visit her sister and mother. The mother had arrived from Denver, Col., and became ill, which hurried Mrs. Wise south. How long will Fred stand batching? He is employed with a trunk and suitcase company.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright took Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown and Miss S. Mullin to the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reeves near Kent, about fifteen miles from Seattle. They were very busy with their young pullets and though not expecting company we found a hearty welcome and an urging to stay for luncheon. They live about ¼ mile from town, but everything was from their storeroom and Mrs. Reeves had a nice cake, already baked. A new chicken house is being built by a carpenter, and they intend to add about 200 to their 295 hybrids, a cross of Minocra and Leghorn. They know how to raise chickens, only losing 15 out of 310. It is refreshing to visit the Reeves' farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Hussey Cookson received notice from Valentine Cookson, announcing his marriage to an oralist in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dortero are living up to date, having moved to a brick apartment on East Olive Street, where an electric dish washing machine is part of the kitchen equipment.

Mrs. Pauline Gustin entertained her monthly foursome bridge with a luncheon last week, with Mrs. John Adams and Mrs. A. H. Koberstein as the prize winners. A pleasant time was had. PUGET SOUND. March 29th.

Kansas City, Mo.

William Marra in the "Speaking the Public Mind" column of the *Kansas City Star*, writes:

The deaf of Kansas City are disgusted with a New York newspaper's use of the word "dumb" in reference to Charlotte Lamberton, a fine, young, deaf dancer, who is making her professional appearance in the East. The article stated Miss Lamberton was "born stone deaf, unable to hear a sound, and that she was dumb, too, for she could not know there was such a thing as speech."

Perhaps the writer did not mean to say anything in regard to Miss Lamberton's mental capacity. The state schools for the deaf always teach first-year pupils the art of lip-reading and speech; therefore Miss Lamberton must have a knowledge that there is such a thing as speech.

The deaf deeply resent the word "dumb" when it is used in reference to them, for many people believe it means the deaf are mental deficient, whereas it meant to indicate inability to speak. Many people are prone to confuse the word "dumb" with a brain.

After being ill with bronchitis for several weeks, Thomas Henry Maher, 57 years old, passed away in Fulton, the morning of February 20th. He served thirty-three years in connection with the Missouri School for the Deaf as boys' supervisor and instructor in barbering, painting, and poultry raising. He was a member of our local N. F. S. D. division. His body was taken to Conception, Mo., where burial took place by the side of his departed parents.

The intercity viaduct—1¾ mile-long elevated trafficway, a connecting link between Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kansas—was closed, March 3rd, for remodeling and widening. The viaduct will be widened so it will be divided into four lanes, and will have a four and one-half foot sidewalk on the south side.

After four months' vacation in Belle, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Neval K. Spencer returned to Kansas City, March 9th. They stayed in Belle with Mrs. Spencer's grandparents, and visited relatives in Maplewood and St. Louis.

March 21st, the Home Fund, under the direction of Mrs. William L. Dillenschneider, gave a St. Patrick's party at 813 Walnut Street. Quite a large number attended the party.

Friday morning, March 27th, a sermon and a lecture were given by the Reverend Homer E. Grace of Denver, before a crowd of about forty in Holy Trinity Church.

Attendance at the WPA night school for the deaf exceeded 500 last week. At present 542 have attended the WPA school from January 6th to April 1st, inclusive. Last year about 750 attended for a period of eight months, making the total attendance in two years about 1,300. The school will probably close in May.

April 1st, the Sphinx Literary Club held its monthly meeting at the Y. M. C. A. New officers for 1936-37 were elected as follows: President, William J. Marra; Vice-president, Fremond S. Offerlee; Secretary, Eugene G. Wait; Treasurer, Fred R. Murphy (re-elected); and Sergeant-at-arms, Philip Nordtvedt. After the election John Miller gave a rendition of Charles Dickens's novel, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood."

April 2d. E. W.

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INTELLIGENT and capable young men and young women who are deaf, and who aspire to enter the field of teaching deaf children, and others who are already members of the profession but wish to increase their proficiency, are gradually becoming aware that, in order to obtain and retain positions in schools today, they are subject to demands in qualifications far beyond what was required in other days. In this branch of education there is an insistent requirement that all candidates have the special preparation given in Normal Classes; the requirement applies with equal strength to the deaf as to the hearing.

The collective opinion of teachers in charge of the Normal Class for teachers at the Missouri School for the Deaf, which was recently published in the *Missouri Record*, suggests that the subject has become a most important one, and is receiving the close attention it deserves of the authorities of schools. The opinions represent the views of experienced teachers who have a sincere interest in their educational work, and who show kindly interest and a most generous disposition toward the deaf in the desire to offer them a fair opportunity to prepare themselves for the instruction of deaf children. Their thoughtful views clearly manifest sympathy and encouragement for those deaf people who are ambitious to become teachers.

Every teacher of deaf children should be prepared through credited Normal training to perform efficient service in the classroom, and this applies with equal force to all candidates. The mere fact of having experienced the processes of instruction as a pupil does not prepare a deaf person to become a competent teacher; there is so much more to be acquired by even the most brilliant. Hearing aspirants for position, after a full course at a University or College,

are expected to supplement that with courses of special training at some accredited training center. Further, it is obligatory for them to continue studies on subjects relating to the history of the deaf, the various methods of instruction, the processes in vogue, and at the same time keep pace with changing systems and improvements.

How does a deaf candidate stand in comparison? To say that, without any special training beyond casual observations of classroom exercises, he is equally fitted for the work of instruction would be absurd. The Normal graduate has, in addition to other subjects, become familiar with the distinction between the psychology of teaching and the psychology of learning; he has been trained to consider the thought and preparation behind the lessons to be given the pupils, with the necessary stressing of methods in presenting the subjects of the curriculum. These and other details face the deaf teacher, and probably have received no more thought from him than they did from the hearing Normal before his period of training. To a knowledge of the course of study employed, the deaf candidate needs to know how to teach and to test the results of the instruction given. The requirements of a full preparation suggests the value, the absolute necessity for securing the benefits of a Normal Class training whenever possible.

In the past deaf teachers have been obliged to depend upon daily experience, aided by private study, but these are very far from being entirely sufficient. Children of different mental capacities are to be met and managed properly in order to obtain satisfactory results. He feels the need of an opportunity for acquiring much more in the broad field of education, mastering the technique which supplies the tools with which he is to carry on his instruction, thus becoming fit for such position as may be available for him. He usually lacks the important aid afforded by observations in the classroom, noting the processes employed by experienced teachers, the lectures, and particularly practical teaching under the supervision of capable instructors, mastering the technique and schemes of education and methods of discipline. He has had no opportunity of viewing the efforts of Normal students at close range, who become individuals co-operating in every way, putting forth his every effort to attain the highest possible standard. The thoughtful among us who know the value of personal improvement in preparation for one's life-work, recognize the fact that mere deafness does not supply the ability to instruct deaf children any more than all hearing people are competent to teach children who hear.

Fortunately there are now two Normal Training Schools open to the deaf—Gallaudet College, which offers a training course during the coming summer, and the course offered by the Mt. Airy and the Missouri Schools—all three having shown sympathy with and confidence in the ability of the deaf to pursue Normal courses in preparation for taking up the work of teaching the deaf. It rests with the deaf to show their appreciation of the opportunities offered them by these outstanding Schools.

Wheeling, W. Va.

The *Wheeling News-Register* of a recent issue had the following from a correspondent.

LIFE OF HELEN KELLER IS AN OBJECT LESSON

"Allow me to suggest that you publish something of the life of Helen Keller, not only as educational information for those who are interested, but as an object lesson to those who become easily disgruntled with their lot in life and believe their burdens too heavy for them.

"I heard this very remarkable woman actually talk, as a studio guest during the Rudy Vallee program last week. Although it was difficult to understand her, it was evident that she has become a well-educated person as well as a God-fearing Christian.

"Her accomplishments, I believe, are as great as those of any other man or woman in the world. She had done what a great majority of persons, faced with the same deficiencies, would fail in.

"Helen Keller was born blind and without the faculty of hearing. It would therefore follow that she should never speak, since she could not hear sounds uttered nor see the movements of other lips, but by some system of her own and aided by patient instruction, she talks, intelligently.

"The process was slow and started with drinking water. It was difficult for her to determine the difference between the significance of a cup and its contents, until her tutor placed her hand under the pump and caused water to run on her hand. The education of Helen Keller started from that point.

"Just a bit of reasoning on the helplessness of this woman while in youth, not being able to hear or see, any sound or thing, cannot give any of us normal beings any idea of her great struggle through life. That it was most difficult is putting it lightly.

"Standing before the microphone in the studio during her first and only broadcast, she was told that she probably was heard by more people than at any other time, since millions were listening to her.

"But what did that mean to her? She had never heard a radio. She had never heard a sound. The sweet music of the orchestra that played before and after she spoke was unknown to her. She had not even heard the notes of a bird's song. She heard nothing.

"Millions were listening to her, she was told. Millions, and yet she had not even seen one person. She does not know white from black or has not seen any color. She might have ideas about things of beauty, through Divine interpretation, that force that has carried her through the years to success, against such great odds, but it is a question.

"Blindness is a great affliction. To have the added burden of deafness is next to helplessness, yet this brave woman tells her listeners to follow in the path of God. Well, it seems like the rest of us have something to be thankful for, after all."

The executive committee of the Wheeling Association of the Deaf convened last month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Weiner, of 1113 McColloch Street.

The endorsement of the Wheeling Centennial celebration featured the business meeting. It was recalled that the mute-pioneer, George Washington Steenrod, came into existence here shortly before the city became incorporated, and died in 1891. Few of his associates survive him now, who can remember the experience of the vanishing Indians and other memories of the town to be compared with the present times.

A discussion of the endowment fund of the West Virginia Association was held. The financial condition is good, but they do not have sufficient funds for the proposed home.

Occasional pleasant visits were made in town by Frank Hayer, of St. Clairsville, Ohio. Not seeing him lately, it was learned that he has now settled down in Melbourne, Florida.

The new spaghetti factory went out of existence in a short time. Misses Mabel Nesbitt, Gertrude Zimmerman and Clarence Nesbitt were employed there.

J. C. B.

The Capital City

Rev. Mr. H. Lorraine Tracy is ill. He was ordered by his physician to stay in the house for some time. The community hopes for his speedy recovery. There will be services and Holy Communion at St. Mark's Church Easter Sunday, instead of April 5th.

Sunday night, March 29th, at the Deaf Department of Calvary Baptist Church, Mr. Robert Werdig gave a very interesting deliverance on "For a Better Place to Live In." Miss Burke rendered a hymn, "Firm Foundation." At the close of the service Mrs. R. J. Stewart signed "Jesus Loves Me."

Friday night, April 3d, a film of the Frat's Kansas City Convention of last summer was shown in the Deaf Department of the Baptist Mission by Mr. Ray Kauffman, of Baltimore, Md. It was a grand movie from beginning. The audience showed keen interest in the movie, especially the speeches of Rev. Mr. Flick, Messrs. Roberts, Kauffman, Meagher, Shilton and others. Also a recitation by Miss Benoit, of Gallaudet College, of "Star Spangled Banner." The life and work of the late Thomas S. Marr was wonderful. Before the movie started Mrs. R. J. Stewart entertained the children with nursery stories. Home-made candies sold like "Hot Cakes." It was for the benefit of the church and poor. There were some new faces in the audience.

The next meeting of the National Literary Society of Washington will be held at the Northeast Masonic Temple, Wednesday night, April 15th. Rev. Mr. Tracy is to give a reading. Remember the "Lit" always offers the best in entertainment.

Mrs. Tony Ciccho and little daughter have packed their clothes for a visit in Chicago. She takes greetings from Washington, D. C., to Chicago.

There were two charming young ladies at the movie show of April 3d. One was the wife of Mr. J. Sterling (hearing), an employee at the Navy Yard, and the other was Miss Laura Mobley, of Virginia. She has steady work at the Cherry Blossom Laundry Co. in this city.

Mr. Andy Parker has had his house cleaned and is preparing to welcome home his family from Miami, Fla., any time between now and Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Heide, of Detroit, will motor down here the first week of May. After a week's visit, they will take the writer back to Detroit for the summer.

Easter Greetings.

MRS. COLBY.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Robert O. Blair wishes to thank her friends for their kind messages and flowers and sympathy shown during the illness and death of her beloved husband, Robert O. Blair.

Mr. George D. Kinsey, of Bellrose, L. I., died recently at the ripe age of 73. He had been in poor health for some time, but was last reported as greatly improved. The cause of death was a complication of diseases. He leaves a wife and one son.

Baltimore, Md.

His "railroad pass" being a strong temptation, Mr. William J. Haynes hardly remains in town over the week-end or a holiday; in fact, he gallivants through other places each week-end. February 22d, he went to New York City, where he was the week-end guest of the Donovans of Richmond Hill, L. I. They arranged a dinner and card party in his honor. Hence we hardly ever see him around at our socials.

Mrs. Oliver Watkins was saddened by the news of the death of one of her brothers in North Carolina recently. She formerly lived in North Carolina, and she has a large farm there, which her other brother looks after.

The S. O. C. members held their first social of the year at the lodge room of Italia Hall, Wednesday evening of March 4th. Such affair was a "St. Patrick Social" and several amusing games were played, and prizes awarded.

Mr. Parker, of Washington, D. C., now playing around as a "grass widower" while his wife vacations at Florida, was in the city recently, to attend our Frat social, March 1st.

Rev. Mr. Braddock, of New York, and Rev. Mr. Pulver, of Philadelphia, stopped in to say "Hello" to their fellow parishman, Rev. Mr. Whildin, on their way to Gallaudet, where they were guests at the annual banquet of the college fraternity March 7th. Rev. Braddock later returned to spend the day with the Whildins Sunday, leaving for New York Monday noon.

The Methodists staged a successful Bingo party at Gehb Memorial Hall March 19th. Mr. William Nicol was the chairman in charge of the social.

The F. F. F. S. met at the Rebal residence March 14th, Margaret McKellar and Evelyn Cuppy acting as hostesses of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dilworth are proud parents, indeed, for their son is "in the army." He is serving as machinist at Fort Howard, Fla., where he will remain for three years.

Mr. George Werner has been ill with pneumonia and other complications for several weeks, but at present is recovering nicely. He is now at Bon Soeur Hospital. He has four lovely daughters, all of who are helping contribute to his hospital and doctor bills. He is an employee at Proctor & Gamble; has been there for fifteen years, and he is expected back there after his recovery.

Friends of Mrs. Jennie Whildin surprised her overwhelmingly with a birthday party at her Roland Park cottage, Sunday evening on March 22d. Many nice gifts were presented her, showing our deep affection for the sweet lady, and our appreciation for her many kind deeds among the deaf. A pleasant evening of bingo and several games was enjoyed by all present.

At the Virginia Dare Candy Shop, the F. F. F. S. girls gave a very nice card party. At each table a prize of a box of Virginia Dare Chocolates was given to the winner, and several prizes were given to winners of bingo played later in the evening. Ruth Atkins was the chairman, Clara McCall assisting.

A large delegation from Washington, D. C., was present to cheer their bowling team on to victory at the Wilkins Bowling Pavilion, where the annual tournament took place between the Frats of Washington and Baltimore, March 29th. Our Baltimore boys came out victors; the leading players (all of Baltimore) M. Cohen, Leo Deluca and Howell Elliott winning cash prizes of \$2.50, \$1.75 and 75 cents, respectively. Mr. John Fielder was the chairman of the affair.

The fair ladies from both sections made an attempt at bowling, Mrs. J. Fielder captaining for our Baltimore team. The Capitol women won by 138 points. The Baltimore

players were Mrs. J. Fielder, Mrs. J. Wallace, Miss Helen Skinner, Mrs. Berta Summers, Mrs. M. Cramer; Mrs. F. Rebal and Miss M. Ettlin substituting.

John Wallace gave an interesting talk at Methodist Church Sunday of March 29th. His topic was "What is the Practical Value of Your Work," along with interesting stories to illustrate the subject.

Clara McCall and her daughter, Maureen, made a week-end visit at her sisters' in Washington. In her absence, Mrs. Fannie McCall, mother of Rozelle McCall, dropped in unexpectedly, and proceeded to make Rozelle at home during his wife's absence. She plans to stay here indefinitely. She will assist in her daughter's, Mary Lloyd's, beauty parlor.

The National Flower Show took place here the week of March 14th to 22d, and was very successful, thousands and thousands of people from all over the United States attending. Isaac H. Moss, father of the Moss girls, and at whose place John Wallace works as grower, gained a great deal of prominence at the show. Many of his exhibits winning cash prizes totaling up to \$1,200, medals and a silver cup.

"Director" August Wriede is now busy rehearsing a gignatic (?) play to be staged at Gehb Hall May 16th, for the benefit of the Frat fund. It is understood that it will be entirely a "male part."

Lillian Sacks of New York is taking a one-day excursion to Baltimore, visiting at the Overlea School, and then her sister. She dropped the writer a card to notify her of coming, but she fails to mention the date of her arrival.

Owing to recent floods here in the East, the Herdtfelders and Taranskis cancelled their planned auto trip to Newark, N. J., March 21st. The Hajnas, undaunted, however went and reported a wonderful time.

Mr. A. Hajna gave a lecture at the Washington Literary Society meeting, Saturday, March 18th.

Notices are out on the coming "Anniversary Social," following the regular Frat meeting April 4th. Impromptu speeches will be given by several member. Refreshments will be served.

The F.F.F.S. girls are now preparing a novel "Strawberry Jamboree," to be held at Gehb Hall May 9th. An assortment of new games called the "Strawberry Menu" will be given, and the best stunt of all will be "Strawberry Short Cake and Strawberry Tart," because the strawberries will be real for the first time in the program, and it will be "time to eat!" Come one and all, and enjoy something new and different! Admission twenty-five cents, and (if possible) one recipe involving the use of strawberries! Helen Wallace is the chairman.

Abe Omanski is chairman in charge of the second annual entertainment by the Alumni Association of the Maryland School for the Deaf, to be held at Gehb Hall, April 18th. Prof. Frederick Hughes of Gallaudet, will give a reading, and there will be movies. The proceeds will go to the Medal Fund. Tickets, 25 cents.

The Catholic Society will have a cabaret party April 22d. Details later. H. H.

April 3d.

Sundry

Miss Charlotte Croft, of Washington, D. C., was a recent visitor in the metropolis, and remained for several days. She was seen renewing old acquaintances at St. Ann's Church Sunday, April 5th.

Joe Pepe of Plainfield, N. J., was at the Eagle's Hall for the ball in Newark on March 21st. His friends of Newark were glad to see him there as he has not been in Newark for a long time. He visits his friends of Plainfield and Scotch Plains on week-ends.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE

By Felix Kowalewski

Friday evening, April 3d, the Literary Society met in Chapel Hall. David Davidowitz '36 opened the program with a well-signed story, "The Grey Nun." A short skit, "Magic and the Farmer," was given by Messrs. Farnell, Akin, and Drake, all '38ers. Farnell played the role of the farmer, and a very laughable accident occurred when his goatee accidentally came off. Akin as a city magician had the farmer as well as the optician quite mystified with his sleight-of-hand tricks. Jeff Tharp '39 closed the program with a declamation, "The Return of Spring." A short social was held after the program.

Saturday evening, April 4th, the atmosphere of Chapel Hall was laden with thrills and chills and laughs when the Movie Club presented that old thriller, "The Last Warning." The show was about a murder mystery in a theatre, with its later becoming haunted, and the final solution of the mystery. The suspense was toned down after the close of the feature by the showing of a two-reel comedy.

Sunday morning, April 5th, Dean Walter Krug gave a talk in Chapel Hall on "Stop-lights." He gave many interesting and amusing examples of the various stop-lights that we need and that we should heed for our health and happiness.

Sunday afternoon many of the college students were down to take in the cherry blossoms at the Tidal Basin. However, the day turned rainy and dark, and the blossoms were not at their fullest bloom. On Easter Sunday, the students of all classes have been given special permission to go out with their lady friends, and it is expected that a large crowd will go out to the Basin.

The owners of the Stan-Pat Studio, namely Lester Stanfill and Stanley Patrie '36, the college photographers, have used their ingenuity in a new way lately. Inspired by the kite-fever shown by the children of the neighborhood, they built a giant box-kite. After only a few days of successful flying, their ambitions were dashed when the kite made a sudden dash for terra firma, and, before they could catch it, one corner of it had crashed into the ground and crumpled into splinters. Since then, they have not had the heart to get to work on it again.

Mr. Vladimir Mazur, brother of Miriam Mazur '39, was a visitor at Gallaudet on Sunday, the 5th. He took in the sights at Gallaudet and in the city, and was glad to see his old schoolmates, Felix Kowalewski '37, and Leon Auerbach, P. C. Mr. Mazur is boys' supervisor at the Fanwood School.

Miami, Florida

The condition of Robert O. Blair of Chicago, now at St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach, has not improved. Other complicating factors, such as, the over-injection of insulin, resulted in a retching out of all nourishment, nearly choking the patient, and the indiscretion of one nurse in reporting Mr. Blair had been given up by the doctors, served to undermine Mrs. Blair's faith in the treatment.

A consultation was held Wednesday night between Mrs. Blair, Mr. Ragna, the head-nurse and the doctors. The situation was carefully gone over; it was brought out that the pus abscesses had been cleared, and the diabetes from which Mr. Blair suffered, brought under control. The cause of the high fever was uncertain but would soon come to a head. Mr. Blair was so homesick and restless that the doctors decided he might as well go home.

The trip by airplane was to be delayed until Friday morning, April 3rd, to allow time for another blood

transfusion and to build-up the patient. The transfusion took place the next morning, but the building-up failed. Mr. Blair had a sore stomach from drugs and injections and was unable to hold much nourishment.

To locate the cause of the fever, the doctors drew out some liquid from the base of the spinal column. Friday found Mr. Blair desperately ill, and all thought of a transfer to Chicago was abandoned. The spinal liquid revealed infection, possibly meningitis. The course of treatment has been recast and tightened, and daily contact with Chicago specialists established by Dr. Roche and Dr. Sowdy. The eldest daughter, age 13, has been sent for, and the family doctor will arrive by air from Chicago, Sunday morning, April 5th.

Miami friends have showered every attention on Mr. and Mrs. Blair by visits and phone calls. Among those who sent flowers are Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rou, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schatzkin; the Episcopal Guild, and the Saturday Evening Club, both of Chicago. Baskets of fruit from Mrs. Rutha Curtis and Mrs. Paul Blount. Many cheering messages and telegrams have been received from distant friends.

Mrs. Minnie Edington with her daughter, Mrs. Parker and two children, left for St. Petersburg Friday morning April 3d. They will stop at Tampa and St. Augustine on their trip north. They have made many friends in Miami. Come again!

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Morris gave a Leap Year party February 29th, at their home 854 N. W. First Street. Prizes for games were won by Mrs. Parker, Mr. Kestner, Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. Minnie Edington. A pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Mrs. William McIntyre, of New Jersey, returned home last week by train. She has not been feeling well. Mr. McIntyre expects to stay two weeks more for deep-sea fishing.

Sunday, March 29th, a day bright and warm like August, there was a picnic at North Miami Beach, given by Miss Rutha Hesley-Curtis and attended by a party of friends. On the way back, Mr. and Mrs. Blount, Mrs. Curtis and Mr. Ragna called at the hospital to see Mr. and Mrs. Blair, and events took a surprising turn, with Callie Blount giving a blood, transfusion. There are four types of blood, and it was great good fortune that Callie's was the same as Mr. Blair's. It was Sunday and the hospital donor of the type had not been located all day.

Mrs. Raymond Rou and Mrs. Paul Blount attended the four days Cooking School at the Olympia Theatre. Mrs. Rou drew a prize.

Workmen are building a wall around the Schatzkin grounds. The parents of Leone Schatzkin returned to Minneapolis last week.

Monday evening, March 23d, among the callers on Mrs. Minnie Edington were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blount, Mrs. Hope Jaeger, Mr. Edw. Ragna, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rou. They dropped in impromptu with happy coincidence. Mrs. Edington has made many friends in her first winter in Miami. Refreshments were served, and the party broke up late.

With the closing of Tropical Park, April 4th, the real exodus from Miami begins. For days the railroads have been putting on "double-headers,"—trains drawn by two locomotives—and having from 15 to 19 heavy Pullmans. The exodus of deaf visitors continues every day. More than 126 of the deaf have been down this winter. Some came and went. Others after one or two appearances went off and hibernated somewhere in the suburbs, pursuing their hobbies. It has been a pleasant season. E. R.

April 3d.

Canadian News

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HAMILTON

Some of the deaf young men here who were successful in obtaining employment, are still holding down their jobs.

Bud Male was the last to leave the ranks of the unemployed. He is at present working at Zeller's Stores and says it is easy work.

Jim Matthew's brother-in-law, Mr. Stafford Royal, met with an accident some time ago, which resulted in the loss of three fingers of his right hand.

So many of the members of the sewing club have been unable to attend the meetings, owing to sickness and other causes, that it has been decided to close for the season earlier than usual. At Mrs. Gleadow's suggestion, there will be a banquet at a restaurant and afterwards the members will go to the Gleadow home to spend the remainder of the evening in games, etc.

Mrs. Braven, who has been staying here for some time, will be leaving for Montreal about the beginning of May, to make her home with her daughter there.

March, far from going out "like a lamb," has departed to the accompaniment of peals of thunder and torrential rain.

TORONTO

Several years ago, the Rev. Father McGoev began to put his farm settlement plan into practice. It has been flourishing. One of the conditions of the plan is that any one wishing to make a permanent home on the settlement should stay on the farm at least one year before he could legally own the ten acres that were allotted to each family. About two hundred people are living on the farm, which is located at King City, some thirty miles north of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Pilon are among the people living there.

Father McGoev recently gave an address about his work to a group of prominent people and the papers say his plan should be tried in other places to help solve the unemployment problem.

The Womens' Association of the Church, who were delighted with the presentation of "The Other Wise Man" by the Young Peoples' Society, have asked the Club to give the same performance on May 7th, to entertain the hearing members of Womens' Associations of other churches under the United Church.

Our W. A. has been invited by other churches to attend their meetings and places of entertainment, with Mrs. Byrne as interpreter, and now wish to return their hospitality on May 7th, when about one hundred people are expected to attend.

For the past several years our W. A. has kept the honour of the highest percentage of attendance at mass meetings. It can be seen in the Assembly Hall of our Church.

This winter the Kicuwa Club has completed four quilts, one of which has been donated to the M.F.S.D. for a sale—another plan to raise the convention fund a little higher.

The W. A. held a social in the Assembly Hall on March 21, entertaining with the serving of nice refreshments.

In the Eastern part of the city there is a bridge club, meeting bi-monthly, with twenty members. Miss Edna Egginton is president.

Mr. Victor Shanks is seen more often in our midst. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1934 with a B. S. degree. He majored in electricity at college. He has a position as draftsman at the Gutta Percha Co.

Mr. Shanks lost his hearing just before he completed his public school course. He then attended the Belleville school and later matriculated

at the College Technical School of Toronto and then went to the University.

Mr. Shanks thinks Mr. G. Stewart of the Belleville school was the best teacher he has ever had. We all agree that Mr. Stewart, our beloved friend, most richly deserves the compliment.

Mrs. F. Harris has had a long letter from Miss Ada James, one of the former teachers of the Belleville school, not long ago. Miss James is reported to be doing well and much in love with her new bungalow in Vancouver, B. C. Her two brothers now share the home with her.

Mr. J. Shilton gave a three hours reading from Alexandre Dumas' "Count of Monte Cristo," on March 29th, another Convention fund date. There was a fair crowd present. Mr. Shilton, I think, needs no introduction as a splendid signmaker and story teller.

The Young Peoples' Society was honored by a lecture given by Mr. F. Bridgen on March 23. Mr. Shilton interpreted. The lecture was mostly about his experiences with the Alpine Club, of which he is a member, and his works of art. He exhibited a number of beautiful water color sketches. We were given a first public exhibition of some of the sketches which he intends to send to the Art Gallery soon.

Mrs. Doyle gave a party in honor of Mrs. F. Youngs, of Chicago, on March 14th. Mrs. Youngs has been staying in Toronto as the guest of her sister. She was called here to be with her sick mother, who has now recovered.

Miss Nellie McInsh, of Lindsay, has secured a position in Galt.

The Bible Conference is at hand and a good attendance is expected in spite of the business depression.

The feature of the present Conference will be "The Challenge of the Cross," given by seven young ladies of our church. It is in part, a play.

Mr. Reeves' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herod have gone to Bermuda for their holidays, returning this week.

KITCHENER

Mr. Charles Ryan, of Hagsville, spent the week-end here. It was a pleasant change for him to come here as the village in which he lives is a very quiet place.

We met some friends from Elmira, recently and inquired about John Forsyth, whom we have not seen or heard of for some time. They said he is very well and happy, and busy taking his first little grandson for outings.

Miss McInsh has just started to work at the Scroggins Shoe Co's place, where some other deaf people are employed.

The Chesley hockey team lost to the Kaufman Rubber Co's. team here. Mr. A. Martin went down to see the game and found that A. Green was playing for the Chesley team.

Early in the morning of March 17th, George Evans, 58, a deaf-mute patient at the Ontario Hospital farm in the township of Elizabethtown, who was struck by a C. P. RR. passenger train, near the farm, died in the Hospital. Mr. Evans, whose home was in Belleville, was committed to the provincial institution at Orillia in 1904, coming to the farm in March 1935. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. John Peever of Maynooth, Ont.

A. M. ADAM.

**COMING
Saturday Eve
June 13th
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Washington State

Harold S. Jones, of Portland, was in Seattle last week.

Lawrence Belser, of Wenatchee, dropped in on Seattle friends this week. Larry reports business somewhat improved in his home town.

Mrs. Fred Wise was called to California last week by the serious illness of her mother. She may remain there a month. Fred is staying with his sister near Madison Park during the wife's absence.

The former students at Gallaudet College from Oregon and Washington will have a banquet at Vancouver, Wash., May 9th. Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Bertram and Mrs. Garrison of Seattle expect to attend.

Mary Bodley, the brilliant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bodley, graduated from the Metropolitan Business College recently. She is a member of Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Iota, national honorary business sorority. These groups have several chapters throughout the country. The group had a banquet in February, which Mary attended.

Among the active workers in Seattle deaf community is Mrs. A. H. Koberstein. In the P. S. A. D. and church socials she is a great help. Always willing and has a good stock of games and entertainment to draw on.

The disabled Able Club has been reconstructed and is now known as the Friendly Club. It meets every two weeks. The members are Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Bertram, Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Root.

Mrs. Olof Hanson is seriously considering moving to Washington, D. C. Since the death of Dr. Hanson she has resided at the old home with her youngest daughter, Helen. Helen and husband are soon to move to Portland. Marion, the eldest daughter, lives in California. Her other daughter, Alice, resides in Washington, D. C., and is anxious to have her mother come and live with her. Mrs. Hanson has been active in the affairs of the deaf in this state for thirty years, and will be greatly missed should she decide to leave us.

A Hard Times social was held at the Lutheran Church on the evening of the 28th of March. William La Motte was adjudged the most disreputable looking man present, and Mrs. Koberstein won the prize as poorest dressed lady. Prizes were given for various games, but I have no record. The affair was in charge of Leroy Bradbury, Sam Abrahamson and Fred Wise. I am glad to see our young men take an interest in the church and show a willingness to help. Too many think that all a church is for is to hire a minister to wait on them and run their errands.

Spokane, Wenatchee, Ellensburg and other eastern Washington deaf contemplate a picnic at Coulee Dam on Easter. Coulee Dam is a government project and spans the Columbia river at Coulee.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pino and three children of Wenatchee are going to New Mexico, where a brother has a large farm and wants them to come. They will leave April 3d.

Manley Hatton of Bellingham went over to Wenatchee recently and at once secured a job on a large fruit ranch. He is a brother of Mrs. Lancelot Evans of Seattle.

Miss Elizabeth Montgomery of Wenatchee, a 1935 graduate from Vancouver, has secured a good position in her home town.

Arthur Martin has been working on the new Arboretum in Washington Park, Seattle, near the home of the writer. It is said this will be the largest Arboretum in the world. Every plant that will grow in a temperate climate will be grown here. The work is being done by P. W. A.

The Midway picnic was started ten years ago. This is a combined Seattle and Portland Frat gathering. It has met nearly every year since it

started. It will probably met again this year. The affairs have usually been held at Centralia, which is admirably suited for such gatherings. It is just about half-way between the two cities. There is some talk this year of holding it at Longview. This would make a trip of 150 miles for Seattle deaf and only 50 for Portland. The idea of the change is that it might help the deaf to secure work in the Longview Mills. Vancouver, the new Frat division, will be in it this time.

The bowling clubs of the state have a scheme to hold a tournament at Medford, Oregon. This to include all the teams from Seattle to Los Angeles. We will hear more of this later.

A Mock Trail will be held in the lower room of the Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Seattle, Saturday evening, April 25th. Judge Oliver will preside. Prosecutor Garrison will try to convict "Bill Smith," who has been arrested for stealing onions. Attorney Wright will defend the accused man. Sheriff Snider will watch the prisoner. Some tall sport is expected in examining the jury and witnesses. As the deaf can seldom enjoy a court trail this should draw a crowd.

Rev. W. A. Westerman still makes monthly trips to Montana and Vancouver, B. C. Such trips month after month become rather tiresome. But we hear no complaint from the Reverend gentleman. The deaf of the northwest are fortunate in getting such a clean, upright, honorable Christian gentleman as Rev. Westerman for pastor.

W. S. Root.

April 2d.

Notes from Japan

Mr. Yoshitomo Yokowo, deaf and dumb of 44 years old, at Oguro-mura Niigata Prefecture, is said a Godlyman of the country, for he has rendered great service as village headman. He has finished the Tokyo School for the Deaf and Dumb, and many years, being a director of the Nippon Deaf and Dumb Association, he has contributed not a little to the success of its enterprise.

Mr. Yoshitomo Yokowo manages the affair of the community with a pad and a pencil and holds a good result. Mr. Kanda, the head of the local affairs section of the provincial government of Niigata, middle of Japan, has access to Mr. Yoshitomo Yokowo saying that he paid a high tribute to the deaf and dumb headman of the village.

Mr. Yoshitomo Yokowo has been appointed the chairman of the Agricultural Society, the Firebrigade, the Credit Association, the Educational Society and many important post of the district.

Canes, penholders and cigarette-holders made by bamboo-roots, which are manufactured at the School for the Deaf of Shiga prefecture, near Kyoto, are to be exported to Europe. Joseph Mantel and Co., in Bucharest, Rumania, placed an order for the articles with the school on February 17th.—*Roa-Geppo, March, 1936.*

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Ships' Pets

By the late Admiral T. H. Stevens, U. S. N.

In one of his short stories Mr. Rudyard Kipling has compared the invincible English soldier to the hysterical English schoolgirl. It is not less appropriate to say that in one respect the bronzed, hardened and reckless Jack Tar resembles the gentle and timid old lady who has remained single so long that an offer of marriage would annoy her. Both Jack and the maiden lady have a passion for pets.

The lady has the advantage, for there is no limit except space to the number of cats, parrots and other domestic creatures which she may invite to share her tea and toast, her home and her affections, while the sailor's menagerie is kept only at the will of his superior officers.

If Jack had his own way there is little doubt that the after-rail of his ship would be studded with a brilliant army of parrots, cockatoos and macaws. Marmosets would swarm up and down the standing rigging, playful puppies would tumble over each other on the quarter-deck, a couple of dozen cats would litter up the floor of the galley, and the holds would be infested with different varieties of wild beast cubs. Perhaps even the flying-jib boom might have its decoration in the shape of a saucer-eyed and athletic gorilla.

But the sailor's propensities in this direction are curbed by his watchful first lieutenant, whose vision is as that of the lynx, and whose most peremptory demand is for cleanliness.

In every manly heart there is a fund of affection that seeks an object for its demonstration, and this object, to be wholly satisfactory, must be weaker than, and dependent upon, the one that loves it. The sailor finds among his scanty pets on shipboard an outlet for his feelings. On the old sailing frigates there were usually a cat and a dog, and sometimes a monkey or a parrot. Each of these creatures, as a rule, attaches itself to its especial favorite among the men, and it generally clings to that one, despite the tentative and persistent efforts of some heart-hungry shipmate to alignate its affections.

Jack at sea is a busy man. Even in his hours off duty his industrious fingers are at work stitching his old pea-jacket, building himself a new pair of trousers, or doing some of the nautical fancy work for which he is famous. When, however, his cares are all behind him, when the good ship goes bowling along her eleven knots an hour, with a steady breeze on her quarter, when all is snug below and aloft and it is Jack's "watch below," he sits on a coil or rope, sticks his black pipe into his mouth, and surrounded by an enthusiastic circle, proceeds to train his pets.

Sometimes his results are marvellous when he is educating an animal of an ordinarily receptive mind, but the yarns he spins of the wonderful sagacity of his four-footed pupil are generally more marvellous yet.

There is one story which has been handed down from generation to generation about an old foretopman on the *Constitution*. Will Birney was his name, and when he first went on board the "Old Ironsides," he made friends with a shaggy young Newfoundland who had belonged to the ship from puppyhood.

One day they were sailing in the tropics "full and by" with a light, variable wind. Birney was steering, and he solemnly swore for years afterward that every time he let the ship go off or come up a half-point more than was necessary the dog would rush aft from the mizzen-hatch—where the serious-minded beast had stood looking up at the sails—and bark at the careless helmsman in the most contemptuous manner.

Ship's pets are most luxuriously fed and carefully tended creatures. When, as occasionally happens, they belong to the captain or the wardroom

officers, their lot is an earthly paradise.

On one of our small coast-survey schooners there was once a litter of puppies belonging to the captain. They were only to be allowed to remain on board until old enough to leave their mother, but during their stay on board what scurrying, scampering, frolicsome nuisances they were! The smartest and most energetic puppy of the lot was a little fluffy black and white spotted fellow called "Spottycus, the Gladiator," and he led all the others in mischief. The puppies had their meals immediately after the ward-room officers. Spottycus evidently considered it an infringement of his dignity to be relegated to the second table, and so one day he led a crusade.

It was a warm summer evening, and the ward-room officers were just being helped to their soup when there was a rush overhead, followed by a most fearsome succession of tiny barks. The officers looked up, and beheld every one of the open skylights overhead occupied by a little dog reaching over as far as he could get, his mouth open and his little red tongue hanging out.

The first lieutenant rose from his seat in horror, but as if that had been the signal agreed upon, Spottycus slipped from his hold and plunged headlong into the tureen of hot soup. As in duty bound, the others followed his example, and for a while, in the midst of sounds of breaking glass-ware, the thud and splash of falling bodies and a prolonged and horrible yelping, squealing and whining, it rained puppies.

Their next exploit was to fall overboard all together, being led as usual by the indomitable Spottycus, whose cheerful disregard of consequences was something appalling. They were rescued from a watery grave and wrapped up in hot towels, whence they escaped to eat a lot of poisoned fly-paper. They became deathly sick, of course, and all that night had to be attended by two of the officers and most of the crew.

After this they were sent ashore, and the ship adopted a menagerie of kittens, having found puppies beyond control. Remembering the effect of fly-paper on the digestive organs of small animals, the officers threw away what they had of this and laid in a stock of the sticky kind.

This, however, was hardly an improvement, for the kittens would go to sleep on it, and waking to find their movements hampered in some mysterious manner that savored of witchcraft, they would give a wild yell and plunge up the companion-ladder, a frightened, scrambling, sticky mess of furry brown paper.

Shortly after the Civil War one of our steam frigates sailed into the harbor of Rio de Janeiro. Her commander had a parrot of which he was so fond that the sailors said that he regarded it as a fetish, and that he was in the habit of placing before it daily burnt offerings, after having indulged in weird rites.

The bird was so clever that it did seem almost human, and the captain took great pleasure in having it near him. Every morning after quarters Polly would be brought into the cabin, and the captain would talk to it and smooth its bright feathers. The bird would huddle up on the old officer's shoulder and answer him in so appropriate a way that it often seemed as if his remarks were actuated by reason, instead of coming from a mere senseless faculty of imitation.

Six months' confinement on board ship began to tell on the bird's health, and one day it was suggested to the captain that a trip ashore, where it could fly around the trees and eat its accustomed food of juicy shoots and tender buds, might tone up its energies and restore its debilitated constitution. This proposition was favorably received, and the parrot was prepared for its journey.

It was put in its cage, the cage enveloped in a rough sack, and the whole confided to the care of the captain's more or less trustworthy cabin steward. Now this steward was an overgrown, aggressive, insolent negro, who knew that the captain's partiality for him protected him from punishment. His bearing toward the sailors was offensive in the extreme, so when he tried to get into the boat which was to carry him and a lot of liberty men to the shore, no one offered to bear a hand in helping him with the parrot.

There was a heavy swell on at the time; the steward did not jump at the right moment; he missed his footing, reached out his open hands to save himself from falling, and with a last feeble, despairing squawk Polly, the bag and the cage disappeared beneath the boisterous waves.

The next morning the captain said to the steward, "How does Polly get on?"

"Very well indeed, sir," replied the perfidious Ethiopian. "She enjoys every minute of the time, and she's getting fat already."

About the same style of conversation took place between them every day for a week, and at the end of that time the captain said the bird must return. In vain the steward argued that she was doing so well that it was a pity to remove her. The captain was lonely, and he insisted on having back his chosen companion.

The steward was in an awful fright. Once when he had ill-treated the bird the captain had said that he valued her more than two dozen thick-headed negro stewards, and there seemed no escape from awful punishment.

At last an idea entered his woolly pate. He went ashore and procured from a bird-fancier a parrot and cage that closely resembled those which he had lost. He returned in good time with his purchase, and brought it into the cabin the next day.

The captain was overjoyed to see his Romanbeaked friend again, and at once began to talk with it and overwhelm it with endearing epithets; but in place of its usual ready flow of conversation the bird maintained an impassive silence. Just as the captain was beginning to fear that it had caught cold and lost its voice it ruffled up its feathers, made its eyes red, and began a long harangue in fluent, soft-vowelled Portuguese.

The captain, in a high state of excitement, at once sent for the first lieutenant.

"Look here, Mr. Bolles," said he, when that officer arrived, "didn't I tell you that this was the most remarkable bird alive? It has only been ashore a week, and it has learned to talk Portuguese like a native!"

But the truth came out soon, and the steward suffered duly for his falsehoods.

The most interesting ship's pet that ever came within my own experience was a little pig. I once went shooting on a mountainous island near Buenos Ayres with a party of other midshipmen. The only game we saw was a lot of wild pigs.

Having killed an old sow, we found a litter of little pink creatures beside her, and brought them off to the ship in triumph. When we had been at sea for some days we began to use them for the larder, and one after another fell victim to the appetites of the steerage mess.

At last only one was left, and we were meditating its early consumption when one of the sailors, a fine fellow named Johnson, came to us and said that he had become so attached to the little animal that he begged us to spare its life. We did so, and it became an established institution. Johnson taught it a lot of amusing tricks, and the bright little thing followed him around though storm and calm like a pet dog.

We all became much interested in

it, and were very proud of its intellectual development; but among the crew was a man named Sanders, a swarthy, mutinous ruffian, who disliked Johnson, and who never lost an opportunity of maltreating the pig. The two men had frequent quarrels, and as Johnson was the quicker and more intelligent of the two, he always worst his burly antagonist when matters went beyond words.

One day there was a severe blow; the wind whistled through the rigging, the sea rose and seethed around us, while the good ship went flying along under her close-reefed sails, with her decks dark beneath the overcast sky and slippery with rain and hail and flying scud. After the storm the little pig was searched for but never found.

He had last been seen, however, standing beside Sanders under the topgallant-forecastle, and that was enough for Johnson. At the first port where we touched he went ashore on liberty with his enemy, and gave him a most awful beating before he returned to the ship. We were all secretly glad of this, but gladder yet when Sanders got into trouble for striking his superior officer and was sent home in irons.

Little Nourishment

The landlord of a country hotel sees a good deal of the natural "crankiness" of human nature. The proprietor of a house in a Maine village, where the summer visitor is the chief source of income, tells the following story:

People are generally queer about their eating, so I don't mind much about some of them wanting nothing for breakfast and then a hearty meal by eleven o'clock and a lunch at there and supper at seven. Of course, it's considerably upsetting, but some folks claim it's healthy. But one woman that came here was peculiar.

She said she had been sick, and that her meals wouldn't amount to anything, that she couldn't eat any hearty food worth mentioning, and only took a little nourishment.

I asked her what kind of food she wanted prepared, and she looked at me in a discouraged fashion and says she:

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New York City Notes

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Brooklyn Division, No. 23, held its regular monthly meeting Saturday, the 4th. Quite an unusually good attendance was on hand, interest being chiefly in the proposed change of meeting night from Saturday to Friday. Owing to the inability to secure the meeting place on Friday nights, it was voted to stick to the first Saturday of the month as heretofore, in preference to what other evenings were open.

Mr. Peter Redington, of Brooklyn, who has been confined to his home for some time past as the result of a fall on the icy pavement, is able to be out again, and showed up at the Frat meeting.

Among the business transacted was the dropping of the proposed summer picnic during August, which has been an annual event of the Division since its inception. Plans were formulated for the 1937 Entertainment and Ball with Bro. E. J. Sherwood as chairman of the committee.

The "500" and bunco social given by the Queens Division, No. 115, on Saturday evening, March 28th, was a success with nearly 100 on hand. Gerald Dlugatch, chairman, had charge of the arrangements. Assisting him were Messrs. Cammann, Barry, Kostyk, Schoenwaldt and Berzon. The prize winners were: "500" (men) Matthew Blake, first; Mr. Nesgood, second; and Mr. Glynn, booby. (Ladies) Mrs. M. Ciavolino, first; Anna Hoffman, second; and Mrs. Aufort, booby. Bunco, Mr. Barnett, first; Mrs. Finkelstein, second; and A. Gungquist, booby. Cash prizes were distributed to the winners. The next monthly card party will be held at the "Y" Building at Jamaica on Saturday, April 25th.

THEATRE GUILD NOTES

Mr. George Lynch, who is directing "The Hurricane" for The Theatre Guild of the Deaf, has already stamped himself as one of the best directors among the deaf. Rehearsals are in full swing and he will turn out what will probably be the most exciting play the deaf have ever seen in these parts. The play is chock full of action from start to finish, and although it consumes the better part of an hour it will seem much shorter than it really is due to the intensity of the acting and the rapid-fire way in which the story is told.

Mr. Lynch is receiving the whole cooperation of every member of the cast, who consider it an honor as well as a pleasure to work under him. He has initiated quite a few new faces in the art of acting and will make them appear as veterans on the night of the show.

Mr. Henry Stein, Jr., the treasurer, has reported that the tickets are going fast, with the reserved seats in the majority. A large out-of-town crowd is expected, with a whole bus-local coming from Philadelphia. Baltimore and Bridgeport will also be well represented, and even Wilkes-Barre is expecting to send a small contingent.

Mr. Emerson Romero, who is handling the new edition of his famous "Varieties," promises a surprise or two in store for the deaf, something they have never seen before. Not even the members of the cast are aware of what he is going to put on for the surprise.

A revival of "Easy Street" with Charlie Chaplin heads the bill at the Trans-Lux Broadway theatre, near 49th St., the week beginning Thursday night. In addition there will be an all-color cartoon, "Flowers for Madame," and "Filming the Feminine Headliners," in which the News-reel Cameraman catches the foremost women in the sport world in action. There will also be a half hour of the latest world news events.

The Literary Committee of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League announces its forthcoming first Literary Night of the season, to be held on Sunday evening, April 26th, at eight o'clock. Prof. Frederick H. Hughes, of Gallaudet College, has kindly accepted the League's invitation to entertain them with one of his famous renditions, the title of his reading to be announced in due course. Prof. Hughes is a sign-maker of no mean ability. His last reading some years ago at the League's Hall on 125th Street was greatly enjoyed, the S. R. O. sign being in evidence long before the time scheduled for the reading. Full particulars will appear in a subsequent issue of the JOURNAL. In the meantime, reserve the date if you do not wish to miss a real good evening. Max M. Lubin is chairman of the Committee.

Having recently moved to a new apartment in the Bronx, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cunningham were given a housewarming party by a host of friends Saturday evening, April 4th. Various games, including "500" and bunco were enjoyed and prizes awarded winners, followed by light refreshments. Mrs. Charles Olsen and Miss M. Koehler arranged the affair.

A meeting of the committee in charge of the Summer Frolic of the New York Branch of the N. A. D. was held at the home of Miss E. McLeod, the chairman. Assisting her will be Mrs. J. Peters, treasurer; Mrs. L. Fischer, tickets; Mrs. J. N. Funk, Mr. Edward Carr and Mr. George Lynch, entertainment; Mr. Paul DiAnno, tickets at door. Publicity directors are Mrs. B. V. Baca and Mr. Lynch.

It is reported that Charlotte Lamberton, the well-known deaf feature dancer at the Hollywood Restaurant, will appear on the stage at the Theatre Guild entertainment on April 18th.

DETROIT

Mr. Wm. Len James, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., had a pleasant chat with his brother of Los Angeles, Cal., two weeks ago, before he left for home. They had not seen each other for five years.

Larry Smyth, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Stella Olszewski were married secretly on March 17th. They spent their honeymoon trip in the East, and returned last week.

On Saturday night, March 21st, the D. A. D. club rooms were full of tramps and hobos, the occasion was a Hobo dance being held there. The attendance was not large and only six appeared in costumes, but they were exceedingly funny and the judges had a hard time deciding which were the best. First prize was finally awarded to the writer for ladies and to Mr. Francis Finnegan for the men.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Whitehead, of Denton, Mich., were present at the D. A. D. They run a poultry business and are doing very well.

Mr. Ferdinand McCarthy spent the week-end visiting with his girl friend in Columbus, Ohio, two weeks ago.

There were three deaf-mutes hold-up victims last month; Messrs. Goff, Charles Stahl, of Pontiac, and Mr. Franklin Thorniley. Mr. Albert Goff was held up, slugged and knocked unconscious by a thug near Navin Field and his pocket rifled of sixteen dollars. He had several stitches sewn in a gash on the top of his head. The other two were not hurt, but both were robbed of \$68.00.

Mr. George Mathias, who was laid off about ten weeks ago, had been recalled by the Ford Co., but after working one week had the misfortune to have his foot broken while at work.

On Saturday evening, April 11th, at the D. A. D. club rooms, there will be a box social for the benefit of the Detroit Bowling League of the Deaf. Mr. H. Shugart will direct the affair.

Mrs. William Liddy, of Kitchener, Canada, was a caller at the D. A. D.'s movie show on March 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Huhn, of River Rouge, Mich., were visitors at the D. A. D. on March 28th.

The D. A. D. hall was crowded with movie cranks on March 28th. The movie was "One Million Dollar Mystery" and three reels of comedy. It was full of thrills.

Mr. Peter Polk, one of the oldest Frats, passed away on March 29th, after three days' illness from pneumonia. He was the beloved husband of Jennie, and father of Homer and Alene Polk. Funeral services were held at Corbin's Parlors on Wednesday afternoon, April 1st, at two o'clock. Rev. H. B. Waters officiated at the services, burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. H. B. Waters left for Cleveland, Ohio, on March 21st, to attend the funeral of her uncle, who was knocked unconscious by an auto accident and after lingering for several weeks died on March 20th.

MRS. L. MAY.

St. Ann's Church for the Deaf

511 West 148th Street, New York City
Rev. GUILBERT C. BRADDOCK, Vicar
Church Services—Every Sunday at 4 P.M.
Holy Communion at 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.
first Sunday of each month.
Office Hours.—Morning, 10 to 12
Afternoon, 2 to 5. Evening, 7 to 9. Daily
except Sunday.

Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

Meets first Thursday evening each month except July, August and September, at St. Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street, near DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mr. Benjamin Ash, Secretary, 518 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Miss Anna Feger, chairman of the Entertainment, wishes to remind all of the socials the last Saturday of each month. From the Nevins Street station (I. R. T. subway) or the DeKalb Avenue station (B.M.T.), take the DeKalb trolley car and stop at Adelphi Street.

Brooklyn Hebrew Society of the Deaf, Inc.

Meets second Sunday of each month except July and August, at the Hebrew Educational Society Building, Hopkinson and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn.
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For any information regarding Ephpheta Society communicate direct to either:
George Lynch, President, 712 East 237th St., New York City.
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